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REMARKS

In response to the requirement to elect a single disclosed species dated June 18, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Example 59, page 106. However, Applicants understand this requirement for election of species to be for initial examination purposes only, in accordance with MPEP §803.02, and this should not be a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgeneric claims of this application to such species. If the Office Action is a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgeneric claims to the elected species, Applicants traverse this requirement. Such a requirement would be improper, for the reasons stated in MPEP §803.02, first paragraph and Applicants reserve the right to traverse any restriction to a generic and subgeneric scope. Upon a finding that the elected species is patentable, the search should be extended to cover non-elected species.

The application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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